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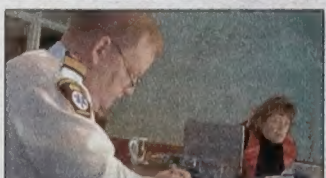
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A tuneful Christmas

ASES Grade 4 student Michael Tripp strums his instrument during the playing of Santa's List at the school's annual Christmas concert. The entire school gathered in the gymnasium to watch skits and sing carols on Friday, Dec. 17.

OPP's looking for drunk drivers

Officers from the Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment have stopped 411 vehicles thus far during this year's Christmas RIDE campaign.

The officers have issued four 12-hour suspensions and three people

have been charged with Impaired Driving. Twelve charges have also been laid under the various Provincial Offences (i.e.: Liquor Licence Act, Highway Traffic Act.)

The Haliburton Highlands OPP would like to remind motorists that

having a designated driver is always a good choice. Nothing can spoil the Christmas season quicker than being charged with a drinking and driving offence or having a loved one hurt or killed as the result of poor decision making.

Minden woman killed in crash

Elaine Blakey will be remembered for her kindness

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times staff

A Minden woman known for quietly sharing kindnesses with others was killed in a car accident on Monday morning.

Elaine Blakey was driving on Lindsay with her husband Don when their 2000 Saturn spun out of control after it went into the soft snow in the west shoulder. The back of their car was hit by a car travelling north, approximately two kilometres north of Coboconk on Hwy. 35. The other driver, an 80-year-old man from Coboconk, James Hunter, was not hurt.

Although the Blakeys were both wearing their seatbelts they were thrown out of the car, says Constable Ted Schendera of the Kawartha Lakes OPP. The police still do not know who was driving.

Mrs. Blakey succumbed to her injuries. She was 63.

Mr. Blakey, 69, was taken to Ross Memorial Hospital – where they'd been heading for an appointment – with serious injuries. He is now at St. Michael's health centre in Toronto where he had surgery on Wednesday.

"People are in shock," says Gaye Botticella of St. Paul's Anglican Church, where the Blakeys were beloved members of the church family. "There will be an empty spot in our hearts."

Botticella says Mrs. Blakey was the kind of woman who was always doing nice things for others. As many parishioners have

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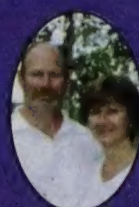
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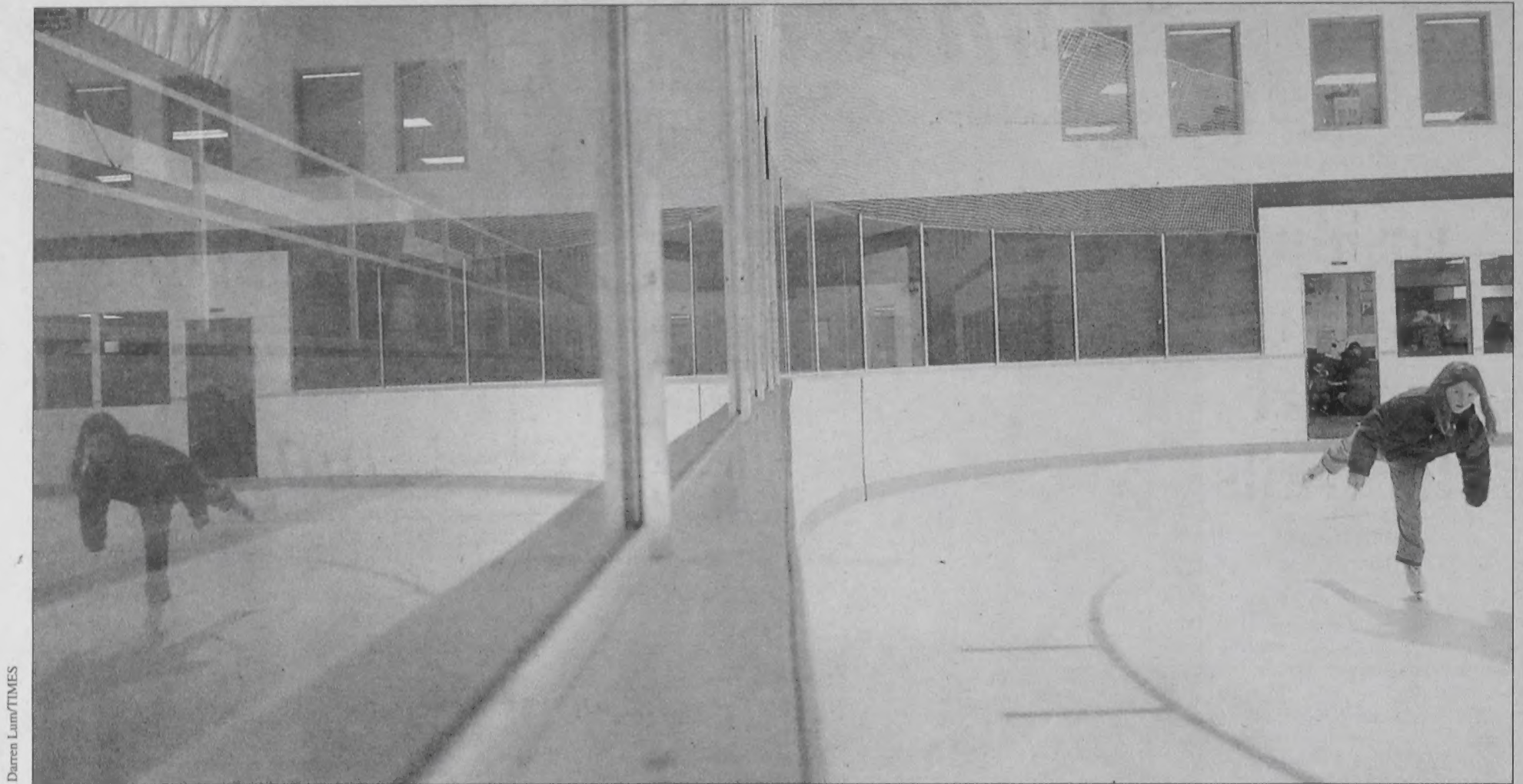


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Mirror image

A skater is reflected in the fibreglass at the S.G. Nesbitt Arena in Minden on Wednesday, Dec. 22. It was sponsored by Subway. The arena is open for public skating at 11 p.m. - 1 p.m. from Monday Dec. 27 - Dec. 31.

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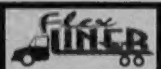
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Near The Locks In Fenelon Falls

Township seeks grant to support water trails

by SHERYL LOUCKS
Times staff

Algonquin Highlands will be seeking a grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation to offset costs for maintenance of the water trails system until a fee system is established.

Mark Coleman, the water trails project co-ordinator, was given the go-ahead to put together a \$20,000 to \$25,000 grant proposal. The municipality is allowed only to apply for Trillium funding once a year. There are other projects but at Thursday's council meeting, councillors decided they had the most information about water trails and could proceed the fastest with that application.

Coleman will have a busy schedule in the months ahead as he also works on the public consultation process that the Haliburton Highlands Water Trails committee has to go through before establishing fees for camping in what is generally known as the Frost Centre area.

He told council that they will be using the same process the province established for the use of provincial parks. He says the challenge will be to ensure there is no confusion on the part of the public between the closure of the Leslie M. Frost Natural Resources Centre and the campsites in the area.

The Ministry of Natural Resources will be supporting the committee by covering some of the associated costs for the public consultation process such as advertising public meetings. Coleman says the MNR will also provide a facilitator to mediate the meetings.

He is planning on five meetings, a couple of which will be for particular groups such as the youth camps, and one for the property associations on lakes where there are campsites. The meetings will be held in May and June.

The deadline for public response will be June 20.

Coleman says he will be attending various events during the year that he will use as an opportunity to get the word out about the proposed fee system.

The other tool they will be using is a survey. The survey will be used to get a sense from users what the fees should be.



Shopping daze

Christmas shoppers walk down the Main street of Minden days leading up to Christmas Day. After extreme cold weather earlier in the week shoppers were out checking off their lists hitting the stores days before the big day.

U-Links needs money

by SHERYL LOUCKS
Times staff

The Drag River Rehabilitation Project is one of 46 projects that Trent University students have worked on through the U-Links Centre for Community Based Research but how many more projects happen will depend on the centre's new fund-raising campaign.

U-Links was established in 1999 by the Haliburton County Community Co-operative and was funded by Trent University and Trent's development office. U-Links matches community groups, municipalities, individuals and businesses that would like to conduct research with Trent students who take on the project for credit.

U-Links' budget has ranged between \$32,000 to \$36,000, says U-Links co-ordinator Kate Hall. That budget has been sliced in half so she has recently been making the rounds to municipal governments with a request for financial assistance. Trent is now committing only \$16,000 to U-Links and the development office will not be contributing to the budget because it has new priorities such as the construction of new Trent buildings.

Hall says U-Links was fortunate to get a Trillium grant that helped them develop a resource development plan. Part of the plan is to get financial support from the municipalities because if U-Links can demonstrate local support it will improve the chances of being approved for other grants.

Hall asked county council to consider contributing \$5,000 and is asking each municipality to contribute \$2,000 a year for the next three years.

A new initiative this year is the production of a book of abstracts that will contain a description of every research project done as well as a series of 170 bio-regionalism reports. Another new initiative is that all of the former research projects and papers will be shelved at the Dysart library but available through the system thanks to a partnership with Friends of the Library.

When Hall made her pitch to Algonquin Highlands, she was preaching to the converted. The municipality used Trent students to assist them with a waste management study and then implemented the recommendation from the research to pass a mandatory recycling by-law.

Community has lost a real angel, friends say

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noted in the days since the accident, Mrs. Blakey's love of crafts was often put to work for others. She loved to crochet and would donate items to fundraisers or give them to people who needed a little pick-me-up. Never did she expect praise or attention.

"Just in her own quiet way she'd do little nice things for others," says Botticella.

"I remember her gentleness, her smile and her expressive hands," said one parishioner in a note to *The Times*.

The Blakeys, although they had their

own interests, were very strong as a couple and when Botticella thinks of one, she thinks of the other.

"They did everything together," she says. "They were always there to help out."

Before he retired to Minden, Mr. Blakey worked for Schneiders, often coming to the Highlands. He then worked for a time as a butcher.

He was a stalwart presence at the Minden Curling Club. Mrs. Blakey worked in various stories, most recently Pet Tyme in Minden.

"She was a friend with a smile that shone from her eyes and the depth of her heart," says Pet Tyme's Lynne Brethour. Mrs. Blakey was particularly good with children and could explain things simply and clearly to young and old.

"She enjoyed and received joy from the little things in life: the budding flower of spring, a playful act, the flight of a butterfly," says Brethour. "Her family, friends and the community have lost one of its great pillars."

"This Christmas just remember when you hear a bell ring that a very special

angel has received her wings."

The death has deeply touched the St. Paul's parish, which is still trying to cope with the recent death of another church stalwart, Libbie Hurtle.

The accident also makes memories of last Christmas Eve's death of Gail and Bob McConnell fresh.

"It's pretty devastating for everyone," says Botticella.

Plans for a memorial service will not be made until Mr. Blakey's health improves. The Blakeys have three children, David, Wanda and Shane.

Santa's coat not the only thing that may be red

\$1.6 million discrepancy in Haliburton County's 2005 budget

by LANCE CROSSLEY
Times staff

Unless Santa Claus visits the vaults of municipal treasurers this Christmas, early indications are that the 2005 budget for Haliburton County is in danger of landing in the red.

The preliminary budget was unveiled before county council this past Monday morning.

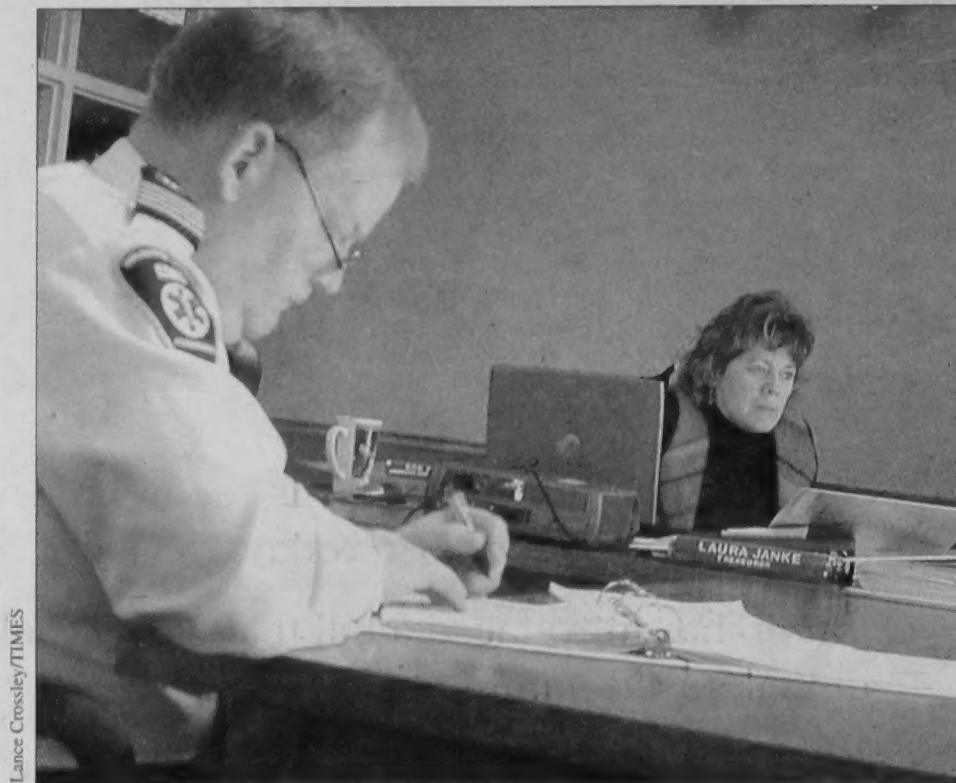
According to the budget report, there will be a \$1.6 million discrepancy between total expenses and total revenues, a figure that would require a 20 per cent tax hike to cover.

"It's not looking as good as in other years," said county treasurer Laura Janke. "We're trying to close that gap. I wouldn't say we'll get to zero though. That gap is a lot of money."

Council is hoping potential aid from the province and a more conservative budget will remedy the situation. Last year the county's bottom line was aided by a \$2 million surplus, courtesy of provincial CRF funding and unused funds in the Social Services and Housing Department. This year, according to Janke, doesn't hold quite the same promise.

"What happens is that we just keep getting downloaded and downloaded by the province with all these additional responsibilities. Where does the money come from?"

Though a tax hike is not currently on the table, and final statements for 2004 are still coming in, there is tangible concern over how the final numbers will play out. Janke expects the fiscal gap to narrow



Bob English, Emergency Services Manager, mulls over his department's financial notes prior to pitching council his 2005 budget proposal. Department heads will be told to "tighten up" their budgets so the County can avoid landing \$1.6 million in the red, according to Treasurer Laura Janke (background).

somewhat between now and the next budgetary meeting in February after she tells department heads to "tighten it up".

"I haven't really given that hard message to the departments yet because we didn't know what the bottom line was going to be. Some of the [present] budgets are wish lists, I think," says Janke.

Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey

believes the county can do "a much better job" at zero per cent budgeting. He says too many department heads fail to focus on their actual costs, instead opting to build budgets around past precedents, regardless of what may or may not have been spent.

"I'm a firm believer that you must be fiscally responsible to start with," says

Fearrey, "with the understanding that it's not a perfect world and there will be things that happen from period to period."

But when it comes time to drafting a budget, it can be problematic for department heads to draw the line between contingency and conservatism.

While library department head Joel Levis believes the county's priorities always come first, he concedes it's not always easy to execute.

"The county always comes first," says Levis, "but it's always difficult to do zero per cent budgeting. That's where the challenge lies, doesn't it? Trying to balance what the realities of the funding are with what the realities of the funding could be, and what the realities of the funding should be, and the demands of the general public."

The invisible contingency factor makes it difficult for councillors to go beyond the numbers and make an informed decision as to what stays and what goes.

"The department heads may well know it, but we can't rationalize it by looking at it," says Fearrey.

"As far as the contingency factor goes, some departments like it and some don't. We've always liked zero per cent budgeting, but it's very hard to put into practice," said Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison.

County held the special budget meeting earlier than usual this year, meaning that many of the numbers are estimated until the final December receipts are processed, a fact that frustrated some councillors such as Minden Hills Reeve Ross Rigney.

The Part-Time Studies Calendar for upcoming courses at the NEW Haliburton Campus was mailed on Friday, December 17, 2004.

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Glad to be here

LIVING IN A SMALL COMMUNITY has its advantages year round, but Christmas is a time when it becomes especially obvious. It is this time of year when our local citizens, as well as some seasonal residents, rally to support many charities. The Food Bank and its Christmas Basket Program received donations from local organizations, service clubs and Archie Stouffer Elementary School students and staff, among others, helped the cause.

Christmas toy drives are very successful because of the generosity of our local citizenry. And let's not forget those people who work so hard to organize fundraising events in support of a variety of worthy causes.

Local businesses are very generous when it comes to providing items for raffles as well as cash donations. In a small community such as ours, these local businesses are approached many times throughout the year to support various causes and it would be understandable if some were unable to help every cause that asks. But, in almost every case, they contribute what they can.

The service clubs, such as Rotary, Kinsmen, Royal Canadian Legion, Lions and others, are especially active in their support for local causes.

Sure, the bigger centres have their share of people and organizations that help out with raising money to support the same charities and causes in their communities, but their efforts are often not as recognizable as they are in Minden. In most cases, we know some of the people who work so hard to make life a little easier for those of us who need a helping hand once in a while. They are the auxiliaries of organizations, people from the churches who make baked goods or crafts for sales and raffles and members of various clubs.

The Christmas season presents a dilemma for some shoppers. There is often someone on the list who has pretty well everything. Some gift-givers show their ingenuity in those circumstances by making a donation to a charity close to the recipient's heart.

Besides the obvious charities that come to mind at this time of year, there are numerous worthy causes that operate year round.

The Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation is one that may not be in the forefront of some people's minds now that the hospital facilities in Minden and Haliburton are in operation. But the capital debt still has to be paid. The sooner we can retire the last million dollars or so that remains, the sooner fundraising efforts can be channeled into providing much-needed equipment for the hospitals. We have some very dedicated doctors in Haliburton County and some who come from outside the county to provide their expertise in our Minden Hospital's emergency department. The nurses, technicians and support staff are equally dedicated. Providing them with state-of-the-art equipment with which to work will not only make their jobs easier, but will, in some cases, also go a long way toward improving the care they are able to provide.

Having up-to-date equipment can also have the advantage of encouraging doctors to come to this area to work.

There are any number of causes to support and our community goes well above the call of duty when it comes to helping others.

That is one of the many reasons why we are lucky (wise) to have made this area our home.

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TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

Praise for snowplow crews

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to Kim Mason's letter regarding the township's sidewalk snow removal/sanding. I, personally, have a much different opinion. My family owns a home on Water Street South, and have witnessed our sidewalks being plowed/sanded as early as shortly after 6 a.m. I think with what winter has thrown at us thus far, the township is doing well to keep on top of it...not to mention the fact that our snowfalls this year just keep going and going, therefore making it very hard for the township to keep up with it all!

I am a visiting nurse and travel as far east as the border to Bancroft to West Guilford and south of Minden, and am witness to snowplowing/sanding whether it be highway, in town or sidewalks, in several villages and ours is bar none!

I am sorry Ms. Mason has had a hard time walking this winter, but I think we all have to keep in mind that the township

is doing the best it can and that after plowing our sidewalk they must go on to another even if it continues to snow, therefore filling in the sidewalks once again.

Secondly, as to the comments to homeowners, unfortunately my husband and I have often gone to work before our driveway snow removal service can get here; therefore when they plow some snow is left on the sidewalk until we can get home to remove it. But again, they too are busy. And they do their best to not leave trails across the sidewalk, but that cannot always be helped. I think we should just be fortunate to even have sidewalks, and as many as we do, in our village, because there are lots in our county that do not.

I think we all need to be patient at this time of year, whether it be driving or walking. The snow and cold makes stress for us all. But to the township, thanks for your hard work and dedication to all our roads and sidewalks! Job well done.

Tina Gilbert-O'Malley
Minden

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Better watch out

THERE'S THIS CAREER criminal in Croatia who just got caught. Why? Local police say he was actually too nice to his victims and therefore easily recognizable by his polite mannerisms and considerate ways. I guess he stood out among the local riff raff.

All in all, however, that isn't an important story. But it does raise an interesting moral question. Namely, how is Santa going to deal with this guy? I mean, sure the robbery part is naughty, but by all accounts, he was a remarkably nice fellow most other times. Talk about crafty huh? Naughty and nice but at the same time.... now that's slick. We're talking criminal mastermind here.

So, does he get a lump of coal or a really good toy? I think you see my point. I sure wouldn't want to be Santa on this one. I guess this is why he gets the big bucks - like Rudolph, Dancer and the gang.

Here's a criminal who knew how the game was played. He understood enough not to shout, cry or pout. He

knew that the big man in red was coming to town. Yes, in a way, he manipulated the system.

This also raises another important question - how long is Santa going to have these unchecked powers of surveillance? Remember he knows when we've been sleeping; he knows when we're awake. When I stuck my tongue out at my wife last week, heck, he saw that too. In the wrong hands, this kind of information is dangerous. He probably saw a bunch of other stuff that really shouldn't have been for public consumption. But that's beside the point.

The point is that Santa is watching us - 24-7.

Don't get me wrong, I've got nothing but the highest level of respect for Santa - he does good work - but what if this information leaks to less scrupulous agencies? Say Santa employs an

elf that needs quick cash to help him pay for a two-pack-a-day Keebler Cookie habit? He sells Santa's list and suddenly, the whole world knows if

I've been bad or good for goodness sake. It'd be like those Letters to the Editor all over again.

And make no mistake my friends. There are plenty of less prominent groups that would love to get their hands on Santa's List. If you really believe that the Easter Bunny wouldn't want this information you're living in some sort of dream-land. (Oh waiter, may I have the reality check?) Personally, I don't trust any public figure that

leaves little chocolate treats all over the garden. You shouldn't either. We eat rabbits; make lucky charms out of their feet, in fact. I think there might be some lingering resentment. Consider yourself warned.

Sure Santa is wise enough to under-

stand all your actions and place them in proper context, but what if the Tooth Fairy gets the goods on us? Here's someone who pays money for body parts. If you get right down to it, she's in the ivory trade. No good will come of this.

Some say that in this post 9-11 world, we've all gotten a little too suspicious, but I don't think so. Just because I believe that Wiarton Willy might attempt to burrow in to CSIS headquarters where, even now, they are disseminating Santa's List, doesn't mean I'm paranoid.

But with satellites that can pick up our every move, computer spyware, credit records, and the like, I think our only defence is to confuse things just as I've been doing for years.

That's why, I'm petting my dog as I write this column. Naughty and nice see....that's the way to do it. Confuse the issue. Make them work for their intelligence.

Anyhow, thank God the holidays are here. I think I need a rest. But then again, Santa already knows that. Merry Christmas.



BEYOND35

Steve Galea

Memories of Christmas past

When my grandfather comes through the farmhouse door at Christmas, the first thing he does is make a beeline for the candy dish.

My mother's father is old and stooped, just the way a grandfather should be. His little Austin A40 has brought him all the way to Guelph to this sprawling farmhouse in the north of Huron County, 50 miles away.

Now my grandmother can barely hold him back at the door long enough to take off his galoshes - men wore galoshes then - and he comes tramping through the house, crying:

"Where's the candy?"

And he finds the chocolate fudge and the brown-sugar fudge my mother made and it is a race to get the turkey on the table before he got through the fudge.

Or that is how I remember it.

Memory is a trickster. When we get old enough, we say we can remember childhood as though it were yesterday, but that what happened yesterday eludes us.

And when we try to remember childhood's details, we find that they elude us too and all that we are left with is fragments. The parts that matter stay with us and memory throws the rest away.

My grandfather was a performer, a man who fed on other people's happiness and walked into a room with a spring in his

step. He must have made a show of the fudge, threatening the whole dish and then eating a piece or two. He is long gone now. So is my grandmother, a stern and kindly woman.

Memory is a trickster. Something that happened only once seems now to have happened always, to be a family tradition passed down through generations.

So I remember the important things.

We lived in a world without televisions or computers or wine with dinner, of general stores and 100-acre farms, of main streets and passenger trains.

There were no malls so the Christmas season really began when Mr. O'Kafka put aside the books for most of December to prepare for the Christmas concert at S.S. No. 8, Howick Township.

No time for reading and writing and arithmetic when there were songs to be learned, poems to be memorized and plays to be rehearsed. In a school with 18 scholars spread over eight grades, there were plenty of parts for everybody.

I have forgotten all of the songs and poems and plays I memorized. What

remains is the excitement of concert night, a roomful of adults smelling of wet wool and sweat and wood smoke, come to see our show.

Or so I recall.

On Christmas morning, we would lie awake till dawn, then leap out of bed and down the stairs, waking up the house.

The breakfast dishes would still be on the kitchen table when the Austin crossed the bridge over the Maitland River and turn up the farm lane.

My grandparents would walk into a house frantic with the accumulated tension of four brothers yearning for the gift-opening to begin.

It is a family tradition, a tradition passed on through our generation to the next, that gifts could not be opened until the breakfast dishes were washed and put away. It is a family tradition, also passed on, that the dish-washers take their time, lingering over each plate, giving each cup an extra wipe, stretching the tension until the children sobbed.

We would unwrap our gifts in turn, one at a time, savouring each unwrapping, and now I remember almost none of



BACK OF BEYOND

Neil Campbell

Let's hand it to snow-clearing crews

To the Editor:

In response to Kim Mason's letter in last week's paper regarding snow removal and sanding sidewalks.

I am not one for writing letters, but it bothers me to see the township criticized for a job well done. I am not sure what sidewalk or which time of day Ms. Mason is talking about, but any morning around 4 am. after a snow storm you will

see Brad Gilbert freezing his you-know-what off on an open cab tractor plowing and then sanding the sidewalks before the kids have to go to school, and throughout the day.

I think the township's employees are doing a good job with the snow removal and sanding on all our streets and sidewalks.

Tom Prentice Jr.
Minden

Pile of snow is dangerous for drivers

To the Editor:

I am writing with regard to the humungous pile of snow that is at the bridge on Main Street. Every winter huge mounds get put there. All drivers coming off north Water St. onto Bobcaygeon Rd. have their vision really diminished by this pile; in fact the drivers have to get right onto Bobcaygeon Rd. before they can see what is coming

over the bridge

Where is the safety in this? The drivers and pedestrians deserve more consideration. Why can't the trucks drive the "extra mile" and put it behind the arena at the time-that's where it eventually ends up. It's hard enough to see what's coming over the bridge without this hazard.

Betty Milford
Minden

Help fund doctors' clinic

To the Editor:

This letter is in response to the letter to the Editor in the Dec. 3 issue, "Keep our Doctors here."

It has come to my attention that there has only been a small amount donated. I know this is a tough time of year for everyone due to the Christmas season, but with the Minden Medical Clinics closing January 28, the hospital facility will be extremely busy with people needing medical assistance.

This fund is only temporary to keep the clinic's door open until the doctors find a more affordable building, or by some miracle, another doctor comes to practise here.

Dr. Wu, is probably the only doctor left who will even make house calls, goes out of his way to care for his patients, plus he is an essential part of the Minden healthcare.

I urge all of Minden, as well as the businesses, to please make a donation to help keep the clinic's doors open. Let's all show how much we care and stand by Dr. B. Wu, and Dr. Campioni. To all who have donated, a very heartfelt thank you.

In case anyone has forgotten the account is at the Minden C.I.B.C. under the account name of "Keep our Doctors Here." Thank you to all and I hope we all have a Healthy Merry Christmas.

Pat Lyons
Minden

Hydro crews are there when needed

To the Editor:

Between 3 and 4 a.m. last Wednesday morning, something went wrong somewhere and the hydro went off in what I later learned was several hundred households.

It was minus 20 degrees that night. Suddenly, no lights, no furnace, no electric heaters, not even a flashlight at the ready to get to the telephone to see if it was just us, or more widespread.

The total darkness and quiet woke me up and all I could do was "stew" about what I would do if stayed off for three

hours, six hours, 12 hours or longer! Fortunately for all of us, there are some dedicated hydro workers out there who jump into action when an outage occurs - no matter what the weather or time of day or location of the problem.

I'd like to say thank you to those people who solved the problem that early morning and got our power back on by 7:15 so we could all get warm again, have a normal breakfast and get ready for the day ahead. Whoever you are, you are the greatest!!!

Jim Hicks
Saskatchewan Lake



Lions support Food Bank

The Minden Food Bank and its Christmas Basket Program got a welcome boost this week from the Minden Area Lions Club. The Lions contributed \$500 cash and another \$500 worth of groceries, which were purchased at a discount from the Minden Valu-mart store. Food Bank representatives Mary Hicks, Barb Walford-Davis and Ron Reid are joined by Lynda Easton of Easton's Valu-mart, Lions Club representatives Al Eskelin and Brian Moore.

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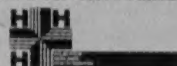
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Fire safety awareness can save lives

Early winter is the most dangerous time for house fires, statistics show

by JERRY GROZELLE
Times staff

'Tis the season to be careful.

According to the Ontario Fire Marshall's office, this time of year is historically the most dangerous time for home fires. From November 1, 2003 to January 31, 2004, 41 people lost their lives in house fires in Ontario. December was the worst month with 18 lives lost, followed by January with 15.

Fire prevention is a big part of Minden Fire Chief Doug Schell's job. He says the most effective way to prevent loss of life in the event of a house fire is to install and maintain smoke detectors. Smoke detectors should be installed in every level of a home and outside sleeping quarters.

"Smoke detectors should be checked [to make sure they are working] once a month and the batteries should be replaced once a year," he added. "I also highly recommend carbon monoxide detectors."

Carbon monoxide is an odourless, colourless and tasteless poisonous gas that is often called "the silent killer." Schell explained that it can be produced anywhere there is combustion of any material for heat, such as oil furnaces or wood burners. "Carbon monoxide detectors should be installed in the area near the furnace or wood stove," he said.

Fire escape route planning is another important precaution. "You should pre-plan two means of egress," Schell said. "You should also have a meeting place so everyone is accounted for."

If the home is two-storey (or more), some form of ladder or other means of getting safely to the ground is recommended.

Schell said some young children sometimes hide in a closet or under a bed where they feel safe when they are confronted with a traumatic situation. "It's important to teach them not to do that,"



Jerry Grozelle/TIMES

Fire chief Doug Schell with the most important fire safety tool: a smoke detector

he said. "They should close the door and go to a window and yell for help."

Schell said everyone should get out of the house as quickly as possible. Trying to collect valuables can have tragic consequences.

Schell recommends close attention be paid if candles are being used, as is often the case during the Christmas season. Christmas lights can also cause fires if electrical circuits are overloaded. "If a circuit breaker or fuse goes it's for a reason," he said. "If too many things are running from one circuit it can cause trouble."

As of December 10, the telephone number to summon the fire department is 9-1-1.

Minden Fire Department personnel do fire safety presentations to schools or any group that requests the service.

A fire prevention awareness program called Older and Wiser is geared especially for adults, so the fire department is

prepared for any audience. The older and Wiser program features a short video as well as discussions about smoke detectors, means of escape and the dos and don'ts of cooking, among others.

A survey is provided to adults so the fire department can gauge the fire prevention awareness of the community.

The Minden Fire Department is available to do home fire inspections with fire prevention in mind. Inspections to make sure your home is up to standards can be arranged at no cost by contacting Fire Chief Doug Schell at 286-1202. Inspections for insurance purposes or for a real estate sale are subject to a nominal \$45 fee.

Schell said that if the Fire Department does an inspection and finds that a home is lacking an adequate number of smoke detectors, the department is obligated to make sure there are enough working smoke detectors installed before the inspector leaves.

"It is mandatory to have a smoke detector on every level," Schell said.

Free fire safety booklets

The Minden Fire Department has a couple of excellent booklets geared to fire prevention. One is titled Fire Safety - A Family Affair and the other is called Autumn Watch - Home Safety Info for the Fall Season. Both publications are free. "There is a lot of good information in them if people would just take the time to read them," Schell said.

Page 2 of the Fire safety booklet features a quiz which is sure to challenge your fire prevention and safety knowledge. The answers on the inside back cover are bound to be a humbling experience for a lot of people who believe they are knowledgeable about fire safety.

Any group interested in having the fire department do a presentation should call 286-1202. The booklets are available by stopping by the Fire Hall on Prince Street.

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TD Canada Trust presented the first \$3,000 of a two-year \$6,000 commitment to the SIRCH Community Hospice Program. The cheque was presented at the bank December 22. Merilee Wright, District Vice President of TD Canada Trust, joined Minden Branch Manager Larry Joyce to make the presentation to Hospice Co-ordinator Linda May-Powers. On hand for the presentation were, left to right, Larry Joyce, Hospice Fundraising Co-chair Gord Monk, Linda May-Powers, Hospice Director Gord Smith, and Merilee Wright.



TD plays Santa

TD Canada Trust is supporting the Minden Hills Cultural Centre with a donation of \$3,500 to be used for children's programming at the centre. The funds will be available for programs at the museum, gallery and library. This is the first major donation to the Minden Hills Cultural Centre Foundation. On hand for the presentation were, left to right: Foundation Director Michael Fay, interim Cultural Centre Curator Carol Simmons, TD Canada Trust Financial Advisor Martha Waind, Foundation Director Wayne Rose, TD Canada Trust District Vice-President, Foundation Director Dan Wyjad, TD Canada Trust Minden Branch Manager Larry Joyce, Foundation Director Fred Simmons, Foundation President Sylvia Rose, Foundation Treasurer Klara Oyler, and Foundation Director Eleanor Malcomson. Foundation directors Bill Lambie, Jean Farrell, Vice-President Jack Brezina, Georgina Parkes and Debbie Wales were unavailable for the photo.

Trails and Tours seeks \$15,000 from Algonquin Highlands

The following are brief highlights from the Dec. 16 council meeting of Algonquin Highlands.

The Trails and Tours Network presented its year-end report to Algonquin Highlands, and pitched council to contribute \$15,000 for 2005.

Executive director Lindsay Elder said the trails are an essential component to the region's tourist industry, adding that Algonquin Highlands is "blessed with the best hiking trails in the county."

Elder and her associates listed the net-

work's ambitions for 2005, which included installing new trailhead kiosks, enhancing trail information on the web, and developing the Forest Heritage Trail around the Hawk Lake Log Chute.

Tower Hill Road

Council wasn't warm to a request by Heather Crarer and Martin Arike to open Tower Hill Road for the winter. The couple wanted to open the road for the next three months to create access for construction vehicles transporting firewood from their Sherborne property.

The public road is an access point for snowmobilers during the winter and council would like to keep it that way, claiming that winter tourism is essential to the township's economy.

Dorset Washroom facilities

Lori Parniak, a Dorset resident, wants to rent 20 portable toilets for the town next Thanksgiving. Parniak's concern was sparked this past October, when busloads of autumn tourists were reportedly left wandering into the recreation centre, which was supposed to be closed in

preparation for the Thanksgiving dinner.

Councillor Kerry Lock said she was not in favour diminishing the scenery with 20 outside toilets, but did not rule out renting one or two for the fall season. Council will revisit the matter next fall.

Fire department report

Stanhope Fire Chief John Hogg's year-end report revealed the department received a total of 107 calls, down from 115 calls the prior year. There were eight calls from November to mid-December, primarily because of slippery conditions.

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Above: A group of students from Archie Stouffer Elementary School raised \$160 for the Minden Food Bank's Christmas Basket Program. The students, with the help of staff members, baked some goodies, which were sold at the school's Christmas Fun Night. The fundraisers are, front row, left to right: Toos Reid, Rebecca Northey, Danny Gilmarten, Ashley Ottaway, Krista Bamford, Carleigh Warburton, Morgan Harrison and Alexa Mckinna. Back row, (l to r): Jenn Whiteway, Emily Ranson, Skylar Pratt, Anne Mills, Tracey Benson, Luke Shapiera and Chris Archer. At right: ASES Co-Prime Ministers Christianna Walker, Mitch Rea present a \$653 cheque to Minden Food Bank volunteer Rod Reid, bringing the school's contribution to more than \$1000 this season. This is on top of the non-perishables donations.



Veterans can get \$1,000 to go to Holland

Veterans Affairs Canada is acknowledging Canadian Second World War veterans of the Liberation of the Netherlands who will travel, at their own expense, to the Netherlands to attend official commemorative events scheduled to take place between May 3-8, 2005, with a travel subsidy of up to \$1,000 towards costs associated with their travel.

Who is Eligible

Canadian veterans (including those who served with the Allied Forces and are now Canadian citizens) who served in, or over, the Netherlands or in Dutch waters between September 1944 and May 1945, and who:

- travel to the Netherlands at their own expense;
- attend at least one of the official commemorative events to take place between May 3rd and 8th, 2005, to mark the 60th anniversary of the Liberation of the Netherlands; and
- are among the first 1,500 eligible veterans to apply for the subsidy.

The Application Process

Canadian veterans of the Liberation of the Netherlands should apply in advance to be sure they qualify for the subsidy prior to departure. For more information on the subsidy or to obtain an application form, veterans may call 1-800-443-0394 or visit the VAC Web site at www.vac-acc.go.ca. The application should be forwarded to: Travel Subsidy, Veterans Affairs Canada, Box 7700 Charlottetown, PE C1A 8M9.

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AND FURTHER THAT at its meeting to be held **Monday, January 10th, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Administration Building, County of Haliburton Office, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario, these Applications for Consent will be heard by the Land Division Committee:

1. File No. H-181/03 Revised, H-182/03 Revised, H-183/03 Revised, & H-184/03 Revised
Applicant: Ross MONK
Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 6, Concession 14, Geographic Township of Lutterworth
Nature of the Application: 4 New Lots & Rights-of-way
2. File No. H-102/04
Applicant: Leslie MCCracken
Location of the Property: Pt. Lots 10 & 11, Concession 7, Geographic Township of Minden
Nature of the Application: Lot Addition
3. File No. H-119/04
Applicant: Jane Ellen BALFOUR
Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 11, Concession 10, Geographic Township of Lutterworth
Nature of the Application: New Lot
4. File No. H-146/04
Applicant: Rhonda FRANCIS & Randal LOUCKS
Location of the Property: Lot 1 & Pt. Lot 2, Concession 4, Geographic Township of Minden
Nature of the Application: Lot Addition
5. File No. H-147/04
Applicant: Rhonda FRANCIS & Randal LOUCKS
Location of the Property: Lot 1 & Pt. Lot 2, Concession 4, Geographic Township of Minden
Nature of the Application: New Lot

Additional information regarding any of the above-noted applications is available for public inspection at the Land Division Office by appointment during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent does not make written submissions to the Land Division Committee before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss the appeal.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent, you must make a written request to the undersigned.

Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 24th day of December, 2004.

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Rudy the deer finds good food, kind friends in Gelert

Perkins/TIMES



Carrots for Christmas for Rudy

Sheri Hawkins, who lives near Gelert, has adopted this orphaned baby deer who showed up one morning on her doorstep. She called him Rudy in honour of Santa's helper. Quickly discovering that Rudy loved carrots, Hawkins goes out every morning with carrots for him and a coffee for her. Rudy's enjoyed so many carrots that he's no longer as skinny as when he first arrived and Hawkins feels much more confident about his ability to survive winter. However, because Rudy is becoming far too domesticated for his own safety, she's hoping that the Muskoka Wildlife Centre will be able to find a new home for him.

Happy Holidays!

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Singing the songs of Christmas at ASES

The tradition continues at Archie Stouffer Elementary School where hundreds of students gathered in the gymnasium for Christmas skits and carols on Friday, Dec. 17. Started with the presentation of the Royal Canadian Legion poster winners the

assembly included a skit about Santa's elves going on strike and an assorted arrangement of Christmas favourites.



Darren Lum/TIMES

The ASES Grade 3/4 choir performs at the annual Christmas assembly. (left to right) Brandon Petry, Dylan Elliott, Joanna Arthur, Savannah MacAusland, Connor Davies, Tyler Johnston-Perrin and Lisa Kim.



Led by ASES teachers Kathy Rodgers (standing right) and Toos Reid (standing left), the primary choir sings a Christmas carol standard: Must Be Santa.

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Tyke wins still give their goalie a challenging workout

by KATHY MCKELVEY-BROWN
Special to The Times

After a high-scoring game on December 12, the Highland Storm Tyke team played the rematch in Gravenhurst on Saturday, December 18 against their #1 Tyke team, resulting in a much closer game.

William Stephenson opened the scoring with an awesome unassisted goal. Both teams fought hard for puck possession resulting in exciting end-to-end action. Goalie Logan Churko was solid in net and made some great saves, letting only one get past him. With the Storm defense clearing the puck from their zone combined with the hard work of the forwards, two more goals were scored. Both were scored by sniper Devon Upton with assists going to Braydin Hollows. Final tally was 3-1 for the Storm.

Sunday, December 19 the Tykes met a team of equal calibre when they travelled to Manvers. The scoring in the first period was all in favour of the Storm. Forty-eight seconds into the game Joel Fedeski sunk a great back-hand shot, which was assisted by Morgan Hamilton. Devon Upton also capitalized on a nice pass from Braden Roberts and on a break-away, Braydin Hollows buried one into the top corner to end the first up by three.

Goalie Hunter Bishop was challenged often and remained sharp, doing a fantastic job in net. Conner Gadway was a strong asset with his continual digging as was Jacob Bishop who the team was glad to have helping out.

The second period saw each team score one goal. Defenseman Owen Flood netted a beauty for the Storm.

The third frame again saw each team notch one. Storms' Braden Roberts fired one home on a pass from Austin McKay. Final score: Highland Storm 5 - Manvers 2

Midgets advance to Silver Stick regional championship match

by MARY MACPHEE
Special to The Times

Highland Storm 3 Bracebridge 1

The G.J. Burtch Construction Highland Storm Midget AE team took to the ice on Saturday, December 18 against Bracebridge in the second annual Highland Storm International Silver Stick AE regional tournament. The Storm got off to a good start; they played a strong defensive game complemented by a strong netminding effort from Joel MacPhee to win the game 3-1. Wingers went to the net hard, creating enough of a distraction for the goalie for three Storm goals by Tim Pettit, Max Ambridge and Joe Gallagher, with assists going to Joe Gallagher, Billy Kulas and Tim Pettit.

Highland Storm 2 Prince Edward County 1

The second game in Minden was an intense one against Prince Edward County. After a scoreless first period the Storm took a 1-0 lead on a goal by Josh Townsend assisted by Kenton Winn. The Storm held its lead by starting the third period with an unassisted goal at by Adam Trueman. Prince Edward County responded with a goal at 4:07 in the third period. This game was a test to the team to stay patient and focused on the job at hand. Prince Edward County tried everything to get the Storm off the game. Supported by spectacular goaltending from J.D. Crowe the final score was Highland Storm 2 Prince Edward County 1.

New Hamburg 3 Highland Storm 0

Four hours later, game three of the day concluded with another intense game, this time against New Hamburg. The Storm suffered a 3-0 loss.

By game time the Storm knew they would advance to the semi-final game. This was a great opportunity to give ice time to players who had seen less time in the first two games, and warm-up in preparation for Sunday's

semi-finals.

Highland Storm 2 Ayr 1

Taking to the ice in Minden on Sunday morning, Tim Pettit's goal with 16 seconds remaining in regulation time assisted by Kody Smith and Joe Gallagher was a stellar performance to tie the game 1-1. (Ayr had scored the first goal at 3:54 during the first period and held this lead throughout the game.) This set the stage for Josh Townsend's winning overtime goal assisted by Tim Pettit and Kody Smith. The Ayr team was quick on the forecheck and as the game was played out the Storm defense adjusted well to this, supported by netminder Joel MacPhee who was as hot as a firecracker. The Storm played an energized game from the goaltender out. The Storm's forechecking was also strong. This was a fabulous game to watch. Matt Clements seemed to get stronger on the puck as the weekend went on. Great game everyone!

Championship: New Hamburg 2 Highland Storm 0

The Championship game was another high-energy game. The team played hard to the end. However, they were up against a sizzling MVP goalie and the team was unable to score a goal. Final score 2-0 for New Hamburg. This too was an exciting final game and the Storm played a great game.

Other players who contributed to the team's success were Patrick Prevost, Mackie Campbell, Adam DeCarlo, Gavin Hicks, Zach Pierson, and Tyler Watson.

Thank you to all the sponsors, players, parents and volunteers who contributed to making our Silver Stick tournament such a success, from the registration desk, raffle table, 50/50 draws and pin sales, dressing rooms, lunch room and front lobby clean up and announcements, sponsors and donations. Everyone's efforts are greatly appreciated and thanks for a job well done!

Wishing all of you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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Bowling News

Tuesday Afternoon League December 7

High average: Ken Thompson 217; Lillian Mattsson 186
High single: Perry Morrison 258; Barb Milligan 210
High single (handicap): Perry Morrison 258; Barb Milligan 264

High triple: Chris Hill 609; Jean Pugh 501
High triple (handicap): Perry Morrison 705; Shirley Venner 720

Wednesday Afternoon League December 8

High average: Ken Thompson 208; Jean Pugh 175
High single: Ken Thompson 261; Jean Pugh 285
High single (handicap): Syd Lockhart 280; Jean Pugh 328
High triple: Ken Thompson 651; Jean Pugh 682
High triple (handicap): Syd Lockhart 687; Jean Pugh 811

Thursday Afternoon League December 9

High Average: Ken Thompson 268; Betty Henderson 176
High Single: Ken Thompson 332; Betty Henderson 199
High Single (handicap): Bill Hogg 302; Shirley Webb 265
High Triple: Ken Thompson 805; Betty Henderson 530
High Triple (handicap): Doug Burtch; Betty Henderson



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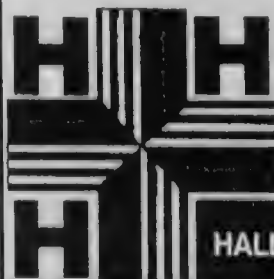
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High school curlers advance to regional bonspiel in Toronto

by TOM DIBBLEE
Special to The Times

The Gore Mutual Zone Curling Championships took place on Saturday December 4 in Woodville and Sunday December 5, at the Peterborough Golf and Country Club. There were seven boys' teams from Crestwood, Thomas A. Stewart, Fenelon Falls, St. Peter's, LCVI and two teams from HHSS. There were six girls team from Crestwood, LCVI, St. Peter's, two Fenelon teams and the girls from HHSS.

The HHSS A team consisted of Jake Walker, Ed Cyr, Connor Duhaime and Jeff Sobil. The B team consisted of Mike Flowers, Andrew Flowers, Scott Fennell, David Wright and alternate Chris Hosken. The girls team consisted of Coral Pratt, Jessica Pottier, Karen Cox-Gurdon, Amy Nicholls and Sky McBride.

Jake Walker's rink returned victorious as the A-side trophy winners in the double knock-out bonspiel. They had three successive wins (two requiring an extra end.) The first game pitted them against the other HHSS curling team (luck of the draw) with Walker's team winning 7 to 5.

Their second game was against their good pals and friendly rivals from Fenelon Falls. HHSS won that game 11 to 9 with Walker getting two in the extra end. It was an awesome achievement considering HHSS took four in the fifth end but gave up four in the seventh end, putting them behind by two "coming home". It came down to skip rocks with Walker tying the game in the eighth end forcing an extra end. The HHSS team took two in the extra end for their second win of the weekend. The third game was a nailbiter against LCVI with lots of strategy, execution and blank ends. This game went back and forth and also required an extra end to determine the winner. The game was a definite crowd pleaser and an excellent display of curling skill, technique and finesse. Way to go, boys.

The Walker team advances to the Gore Mutual Regional Curling Championship next January in Toronto.

Mike Flowers' rink had an awesome weekend, competitive to the end, and produced amazing results under extreme pressure. Coach Lise Ainsley was very proud of their efforts. They lost the first game to the other HHSS team 7 to 5 but gave Walker's team a good run for their money. They won their second game 10 to 4 against St. Peter's. They lost their third game to Crestwood 8 to 2.

The boys had an awesome foray into the world of curling bonspiels. This group showed amazing character on and off the ice.

The girls' team gained valuable experience over the two-day bonspiel. They lost their first game to St. Peter's 9 to 2 but showed determination and class as they played their games. The second game was against LCVI and they lost 9 to 3. They had one costly ending giving up four but they kept on honing their skills. A fine showing, girls!

Coach, chauffeur and cheerleader Tom Dibblee is very proud of all of the HHSS curlers. Thank you to all the team members, volunteer drivers, parents, organizers and youth curling clubs. Haliburton County is grooming some keen, capable and competitive curlers.



The HHSS A-Team:
Lead Jeff Sobil,
Second Connor
Duhaime, Vice Ed
Cyr, Skip Jake
Walker



The HHSS B-
Team: Skip Mike
Flowers, Vice
Andrew Flowers,
Second Scott
Fennell and Lead
David Wright.
(Absent from photo
alternate Chris
Hosken.)



The Girls Team:
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- "I enjoy the homemade baking she often has ready for my visits."

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There is no doubt that we will have a "White Christmas" and so to borrow a wish from that classic "May your days be merry and bright." From our old farmhouse to your home best wishes for the holidays and the coming New Year.

Another successful "Big Bucks Bid Euchre" was held by the Kinmount Legion Branch 441 on December 15th with Ida Young of Kinmount first, Peter Bryant of Duford second and Cathy Hills from Lindsay third. The hidden score was uncovered by Roger Fournier. The next event will be on January 19th at the Legion starting at 11 a.m.

Also coming up at the Branch 441 Legion Kinmount will be a New Year's Eve Dance starting at 9 p.m. on December 31st with D.J. Cameron. Advance tickets are available at \$25/couple or \$15/single so put on your dancing shoes and ring in 2005.

Wednesday, December 15 bid euchre at Stanhope: Moonshots went to Sharon Evans, Gala Stamp, Chris Clarke and Don Burch along with Jack and Willie Cox. Willie led the pinks at 297 followed

by Sharon Evans 281 and Marj Coffey 275. For the white cards Pat Scadden was tops at 332 then Jim Irwin 282 and Alf Whyman 265. Our reporter Gala Stamp extends holiday greetings to all and reminds that the next bid euchre will be on January 12/05.

Wednesday, December 15 duplicate bridge at



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Parklane, Haliburton: In North/South it was Muriel and Doug McIntosh first at 60% with Harold Cox and Chuck Wilson second at 55%. Over in East/West the winners were Willie and Jack Cox at 58% and Mayme Douglas partnered with Reet Murray second at 53%.

Wednesday, December 15 Kinmount Seniors euchre at the Kinmount Legion Branch 441: High score holders ladies/men were Emily Harvie and Truman McNeil while Roger Fournier and Harold Harvie recorded the lows. Emily Harvie also won for most lone hands and Bill St. Thomas took the special draw prize.

Thursday, December 16 euchre at the Minden Legion Branch 636: Pearl Cowen and Bob Pollard took the honours for most lone hands while Gala Stamp and Kevin Maloney recorded the high scores. Syd Adamson and Iris Taylor had the evening's low scores with Iris also winning in the "other prizes" category along with Gala Stamp, Verna McDonald and Don Hicks. The special Christmas Draws went to Gwen Cox, Helen Skelding, Don Hicks and Don Burch. Thanks to May Bradbury for this update.

Friday, December 17 euchre at Staunworth Court, Minden: Pat Bailey won for high hands, Jean Ingram for lone hands, Iris Taylor for low hands and

Helen Skelding took the draw. Doreen Francis reminds that due to the holidays euchre will not be played on either December 24 or 31 instead we will see everyone back again in the New Year beginning January 7th.

Friday, December 17 combined euchre and bid euchre at Club 35, Halls Lake: In bid euchre Dick Coffey, Stan Dutka and Marion Farr had single moonshots with Willie Cox taking two. Marjorie Cowen led the pinks at 216 with Jean Randell 201 second and Olive Jones 191 third. For the white cards Cliff Davison was first at 198 then Jack Cox 175 and Dick Coffey 169 and Jean Scadden held the hidden score. In the euchre results Ray Sisson won for most lone hands and our reporter Mary Pearson took the baloney. High score holders were Pearl Kernohan and Harry Randell while Verna Sawyer and Wally Harpur recorded the lows.

Saturday, December 18 bid euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Topping the charts for the pinks at 325 was Helen Henderson followed by Ida Young 315 and Elva Paisley 313. Katie Parker was first for the white cards at 289 with Pat Scadden a close second at 288 and Kevin Maloney 282 third. The draw winners were Pearl Cowen, George Bye and our reporter Gala Stamp who adds there were extra prizes because of the extra tables and the gift exchange was great fun.

Monday, December 20 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Lone hand holders were Laura Carnegie and Margaret Fletcher while Marion Stickwood, Fern Donnelly and Jeanne Keliele won for the special Christmas hidden scores. The afternoon's high scores were recorded by Pearl Cowen and Gala Stamp while Katie Parker and Bill Mosley tallied the lows. Four visits were paid by the skunk one each to Bill Mosley, Katie Parker, Fern Donnelly and Jesse Barlow. Warm greetings go out to all with the reminder that the next euchre is on January 3rd.

Monday, December 20 euchre at Club 35, Halls Lake: Jean Dutka was double lucky winning for both most lone hands and the baloney. High scores ladies/men went to Mary Pearson and Ray Sisson while Kathy Kernohan and Stan Dutka had the lows. Along with best wishes for the season Garth Windsor reports that the next euchre will be on January 3rd.

Monday, December 20 cribbage at the Minden Legion Branch 636: The top trio were in order Edith Burch, Pat Scadden and Don Hicks. Draw prizes went to Jean Scadden along with Don and Edith Burch. Jean and Pat Scadden would like to thank everyone for their support over the past year and wish them all a great Christmas.

Monday, December 20 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at the Kinmount Legion Branch 441: Tied for first place were Kay Naylor and our reporter Mildred St. Thomas. Thelma Francis and Roger Fournier had the moonshots and Roger also won the special draw.

Tuesday, December 21 bid euchre at the Minden Legion Branch 636: In first was Thelma Francis 274 with Kay Naylor 258 second and Gala Stamp 248 third. Thelma Francis had the only moonshot while Sharon Evans, Helen Henderson and Ida Young won the draws and Edith Burch uncovered the hidden score.

Tuesday, December 21 contract bridge at Stanhope: Bruce Armstrong and Doug McIntosh had the only Slam of the day and Muriel McIntosh won the lucky draw with her name being drawn by none other than husband Doug. Leading the top scores was Doug McIntosh at 6860 followed by our bridge correspondent Ross Fletcher 6280, Diana Spicer 5020 and Harold Cox 4960. Betty Schlotter narrowly nosed out husband Frank to win the Shiny Penny and Doug McIntosh took home the "M.M." Special Award having been declared the "Mad Mechanic."

Tuesday, December 21 Stanhope Firehall Seniors Social Club Mixed Shuffleboard: The winning team was George Hamilton and Colleen Davison with 451 points with Beverley Alexander and Moe Briscoe next at 360 and Syd Lockhart partnered with Belle Walker third at 344. Tied for the afternoon's low score of 241 were Pearl Cowen and Hazel Dorman along with Flo Roussel and Joan Meadows. Birthday wishes went to Pearl Cowen from her many friends at the Club.

Tuesday, December 21 euchre at the Lochlin Community Centre: For the gents Don Hicks had the high score and Ted Wilkins the low while Dale Ranson and Inga Walters had the ladies high/low. Harold Harvie played the most lone hands and Don Curry, Dale Ranson, Harold Harvie, Jim Walters and Reta Crofts won the special draws. Barb Carpenter sends out best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all, thanks them for their support and reminds that the next euchre will be held on January 4th.



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DORSET NEWS

Melissa Alfano

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My best wishes to you and your family for a very Merry Christmas!

The Dorset Recreation Committee wishes to thank Ken & Mildred Everest who shared their slide presentation of Williamsburg, Virginia at Christmas at their fourth Tea & Travel event at the Dorset Recreation Centre. A great time was had by all. Ken wanted to let others know that they would be welcome to share their slides as well – just talk to Melissa at the Recreation Centre to make arrangements. Do you have something interesting to share? Call 766-9968.

Knox United Church is continuing Sunday Services at 11:30 a.m. Christmas Eve Service on December 24 will be at 4 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Reverend Paul Dempsey of Bracebridge has agreed

to be pulpit supply starting in January 2005.

St. Mary Magdalene's Anglican Church is celebrating Christmas Eve Service by candlelight at 9 p.m. on Friday, December 24. On Sunday, December 26, parishioners will be meeting at the regular church time of 11 a.m. to celebrate Christmas Festival of Lessons and Carols with Eucharist. All are welcome to participate in both services. There will be a joint parish service at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's on Sunday, January 2 followed by an Open House at the rectory.

When you are registered at one of Haliburton County Public Library's branches, you can use that library card at any one of the eight libraries situated throughout the County. You can also take out books in one library and return them to a different branch in Haliburton County. These eight branches are conveniently located in Dorset, Cardiff,

Highland Grove, Wilberforce, Gooderham, Dysart, Minden and Stanhope. Make the library a part of your life – visit your branch this week! Call your branch for holiday hours. The Dorset branch is closed December 24 to 29, open December 30, closed December 31 to January 3 and open January 4. Their number is 705-766-9969.

The Dorset Recreation Centre Community Access Program is happy to offer free Internet and computer assistance. Carol Mowat is available to help you with all your computer needs Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call to book your FREE computer lesson today – ALL are welcome! How to turn a computer on, Surfin' the Web, Word Processing or you name it – Carol can help. Call 705-766-9968 for more details or to book an appointment. This program is available for a limited time –

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Reservations are being accepted for the 8th Annual Dinner and Music Night to be held at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Saturday, January 8 beginning at 6 p.m. Dinner is provided by the Dorset Lifeliners and music provided by local talent. If you would like to participate in the musical portion of the evening, please give Joe Alfano a call at 705-766-0076. For any other details, call the Recreation Centre at 705-766-9968.

Happy 85th Birthday to Olga Cunningham from family and friends. Congratulations Olga!

Birthday wishes for December 19 to 25 go out to Karen Knutt, Olga Cunningham, Len Whitworth and Betty Learmonth. Have a great day!

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- The Kawartha Sexual Assault Centre invites you to come & enjoy **Creative Women's Circle**, a Centre Program that takes place Thursdays from 1-3 p.m. Call 705-748-5901.
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- **January 4, 2005:** The Hazelbrae Barnardo Home Memorial Group will meet Jan. 04, 2005, 1:30 p.m. at Northminster United Church. Our guest speaker Mr. Allan Youngman will speak on "My Search for My Great Uncles' Grave. Everyone is welcome. For more info. Phone Ivy at 742-7523.
- **January 6:** The Alzheimer Society of Victoria County family support groups are as follows: Thursday Jan. 6/05, at 10:30 a.m., at Kinmount and District Health Centre, lower level, open group.
- **January 10:** Alzheimer Society Support Groups, Haliburton, January 2005. We are holdingg informal support group meetings. You are welcome to attend. Bring your concerns. We will bring the refreshments. You are not alone. Minden, Monday, January 10, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. at Hyland Crest Meeting Classroom. Please contact Janet Bottum, Support Services Coordinator, 457-8335.
- **January 14:** The Alzheimer Society of Peterborough and Area presents Author and Alzheimer Caregiver, Marian Ritchie who will discuss her book "The Long Way Home", A Journey through Alzheimer's. Haliburton Friday, January 14, 10:00 - 12:00 noon, Haliburton Highlands Fish Hatchery, County Road 1, Haliburton.
- **January 27:** Alzheimer Society Support Groups, Haliburton January 2005. Haliburton, Thursday, January 27 at 10:00 a.m. - noon. Caring with confidence being held at Haliburton Home Support Please call 457-2941 to register. Please contact Janet Bottum, Support Services Coordinator, at the Alzheimer Society Office in Haliburton 457-8335. Adult children, family, and friends of persons with Alzheimer Disease or related dementia are welcome to attend. This is an opportunity to share information in a relaxed friendly environment.
- **December:** Christmas Office Hours - Alzheimer Society of Peterborough & Area. The office would be close at noon on Friday, December 24 and remain closed on Monday, Dec. 27 and Tuesday, Dec. 28 and re-open regular hours on Dec. 29 & 30 and close at noon on Dec. 31 and be closed January 3, 2005. The office would re-open for regular hours on Tuesday, January 4, 2005. The 2 satellite offices in Haliburton and Northumberland will notify people on their voicemail of other times they will be closed in between Christmas and New Years, but the 800 number will be available for people to call Peterborough for assistance.

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Gaye and Emma Smith of
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membered by his many nieces
and nephews. Jim was a retired
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tario Red Cross and was at one
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san Robinson (Robert) of Mind-
en. Lovingly remembered by his
grand daughters Kiara and Des-
tinity and his nieces and
nephews. Dear son-in-law of
Leo and Jeannine Carriere of
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canine companion "Brandy".
The family received friends at
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ber 15, 2004 from 1-4 and 6-
8:30 p.m. A funeral service was
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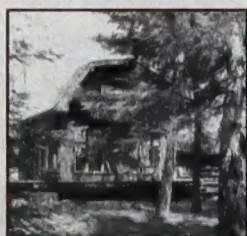
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